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Security Information

22 May 1952

EXCERPT FROM DCI MEMORANDUM

dated 7 March 1952

"I would limit the meritorious awards system to Classes A
[Clerical & Administrative] and B [Specialists]"

EXCERPT FROM THE SPECIAL REPORT

of the Working Group on Career Benefits

dated 10 April 1952

"Aside from the basic question of whether or not CIA career employees should be broken down into three categories, it is our recommendation that Class 3 (Professionals) should not be denied the opportunity to participate in the CIA awards program. We believe that the fundamental principles underlying the desirability of such a program applicable to specialists and clerical and administrative personnel are equally applicable, if not more so, to professionals. Further, it is our belief that particularly in CIA where professional personnel for the great part are forced into a role of anonymity insofar as brother professionals are concerned, including the public, there should be an internal system of awards to recognize outstanding achievement or professional attainment. We are not aware of any awards program in the Government which denies participation to "professionals" or "officers". For example, in the military, the standards established for the awarding of honor medals make no distinction between officer and enlisted personnel."

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